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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED BRIBERY OF VISA OFFICER

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1. DEPT AGREES SECTION 212(A)(31) APPLICABLE TO RENAULD ST
AUBIN. HE SHOULD BE ENTERED IN VLOS.

2. DEPT ALSO AGREES EMBASSY SHOULD REFUSE TO ACCEPT VISA
APPLICATIONS FOR THIRD PARTIES SUBMITTED BY RENAULD ST.
AUBIN AND/OR ST. AUBIN AGENCY AND REFUSE TO DO BUSINESS
WITH THIS AGENCY. (SEE REFERENCES FOR GUIDANCE.)

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3. THE EMBASSY MAY NOT, HOWEVER, REFUSE TO ACCEPT OR PROCESS THE VISA APPLICATION PERSONALLY PRESENTED BY AN APPLICANT WHO MAY HAVE RETAINED THE ST. AUBIN AGENCY TO ASSIST HIM.

4. RE: PARA 4B REFTTEL. IN VIEW OF PAST EXCHANGES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND MINISTERS OF INTERIOR AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS RELATED TO NONIMMIGRANT VISAS, DEPT AGREES THAT EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM BOTH MINISTERS OF BRIBERY ATTEMPT BY TRAVEL AGENT AND ACTIONS EMBASSY MUST TAKE (PARAS ONE AND TWO

ABOVE). ON THE SAME OCCASION EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS ITS CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF MR. CAIRNS AND HIS FAMILY AND ITS EXPECTATION THAT BOTH DEPARTMENTS WILL TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO ENSURE THE CAIRNS' SAFETY TO FORESTALL ANY FORM OF RETALIATION. DEPT BELIEVES EMBASSY IN BEST POSITION TO DETERMINE METHOD USED TO INFORM MINISTERS AND SUGGESTS THIS INCIDENT BE CHARACTERIZED AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF PROBLEMS EMBASSY ENCOUNTERS WITH VISA BROKERS IN HAITI.

5. RE PARA 6 REFTTEL, DEPT PRESUMES EMBASSY HAS OR WILL SEEK ASSISTANCE OF RSO IN FORMULATION OF TACTICS TO DEVELOP IDENTITIES OF PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOUR ADDITIONAL BRIBE OFFERS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MINIMIZING EXPOSURE OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO RISK OF POSSIBLE REPRISALS RESULTING THEREFROM. KISSINGER

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